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SUBJECT: BRITISH STATEMENTS IN COMMONS ON MIDDLE EAST  
NEGOTIATIONS

DURING DEBATE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS APRIL 30 HMG SPOKESMAN  
DAVID ENNALS (MINISTER OF STATE AT FCO) MADE FOLLOWING  
TWO REPLIES TO SEPARATE QUESTIONS:

(A) "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL  
SHOULD BE PREPARED TO BE INVOLVED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN  
A NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH I HOPE DR. KISSINGER  
WILL FEEL ABLE TO RESUME IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. I  
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE  
UNITED STATES IN THE NEXT STAGES OF NEGOTIATIONS. IT  
MAY VERY WELL BE THAT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE IN  
PREPARATION FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE GOVERNMENT  
RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A ROLE FOR A RECONVENED GENEVA  
CONFERENCE, BUT PREPARATION IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. THE  
UNITED KINGDOM IS PREPARED TO PLAY WHATEVER PART MAY BE  
MOST USEFUL. SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE TO US OF INDIVIDUAL  
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UNILATERAL INITIATIVES. I DO NOT THINK THEY WOULD HELP,

BUT THERE MAY COME A TIME WHEN THERE WILL BE A ROLE FOR  
BRITAIN, EITHER AS PART OF A BROADER INITIATIVE OR IN ANY  
OTHER WAY THAT MAY BE SUGGESTED TO US."

(B) "THE QUESTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE IS NOT  
A MATTER FOR HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. IT HAS BEEN SUG-  
GESTED TO US BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IT WOULD BE  
HELPFUL IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WERE TO TAKE PART IN  
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WOULD SERI-  
OUSLY CONSIDER DOING SO IF ALL THE PARTIES TO THE GENEVA  
CONFERENCE, THEIR JOINT CHAIRMEN, WERE TO INVITE US. I  
AGREE WITH MY HON. FRIEND THAT IT IS NOT A MATTER FOR A  
BRITISH DECISION, BUT BRITAIN IS PREPARED TO PLAY ITS  
ROLE IN ASSISTING TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION."

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